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SUBJECT: PROPOSED RESPONSE TO CCK'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT

RE STATE 149032

1. YOU RIGHTLY OBSERVE THAT THE VALUE OF ANY REPLY WHICH I MIGHT MAKE AT THIS LATE DATE TO CCK'S MESSAGE HAS ALREADY BEEN GREATLY REDUCED BY THE PASSAGE OF SO MUCH TIME.

2. IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT THE MESSAGE WHICH PURPORTED TO BE FROM CCK WAS IN FACT GIVEN TO ME BY FONMIN SHEN AND I JUDGE THE TEXT TO BE MUCH MORE THE HANDIWORK OF THE LATTER THAN OF THE FORMER. THUS IF A REPLY WERE NOT MADE I WOULD HOPE THAT THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS MIGHT BE MORE ON SHEN THAN ON CCK.

3. IN PRINCIPLE, HOWEVER, I CAN'T BUY THE IDEA OF IGNORING A MESSAGE IDENTIFIED AS A SPECIFIC MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER TO OUR GOVERNMENT AND THIS SUGGESTS TO ME THE UNWISDOM OF JUST LETTING THE MATTER DROP. I FEAR IT COULD ALSO SET AN UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT. FURTHERMORE I THINK SOME OF THE LANGUAGE IN THE PROPOSED REPLY WHICH ASSERTS OUR PRC POLICY HAS POSITIVE VALUE.

4. THEREFORE, ON BALANCE, I RECOMMEND CONTINUING TO PURSUE THE MATTER OF A RESPONSE TO THE PREMIER'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT. I REGRET THAT I HAVE NO CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS TO OFFER AS TO HOW TO PROCEED WITH ANY BETTER

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